AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 47 and 52.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for at least one of generating-and expanding a vocabulary database of a speech recognition system, comprising:

    providing a computer-based audio module; and

    training the speech recognition system by acoustic training using the audio module,

    wherein the training the speech recognition system is performed by:

        providing the audio module with vocabulary data <u>in a streaming mode from a telecommunication network</u>; and

        speaking the vocabulary data to the speech recognition system in an automated manner using the audio module so as to expand the vocabulary database.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the speech recognition system is performed by providing the audio module with vocabulary data from a speech database.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising creating the speech database by automated speech synthesis of text data using a speech synthesis unit.

Claim 8 (original): The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising providing the text data from a text database.

Claim 9 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the audio module includes a speech synthesis unit which converts text data to speech data.

Claim 10 (original): The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising providing the text data from a text database.

Claim 11 (original): The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising:
        creating a text database in an automatic manner; and
        providing the text data to the speech synthesis unit from the text database.

Claim 12 (original): The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the creating the text database is performed by:
        finding the text data in an internal or external telecommunications network using at least one search engine, the text data being associated with at least one search term;
        receiving the text data from at least one text data source; and
        automatically storing the text data in the text database.

Claim 13 (original): The method as recited in claim 12 wherein the telecommunications network includes the Internet.

Claim 14 (original): The method as recited in claim 12 wherein the creating the text database is performed by automatically reading the text data from the at least one text data source using a data processing system and wherein the automatically storing is performed using the data processing system.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the training the speech recognition system is performed by providing the audio module with vocabulary data from a speech database and further comprising:

creating the speech database by automated speech synthesis of text data from a text database using a speech synthesis unit; and

analyzing and processing the text data prior to the speech synthesis.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A speech recognition system comprising:

a vocabulary database;

a text database; and

a computer-based audio module including a speech synthesis unit configured to receive ~~text~~ speech data <u>in a streaming mode from a telecommunication network</u> ~~from the text database by acoustic speech input and convert the text data to speech data~~, the speech data stored in a speech database,

wherein the speech data is spoken into the vocabulary database in an automated manner using the audio module so as to expand the vocabulary database.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The speech recognition system as recited in claim 16 wherein ~~the~~ <u>a</u> text database is generated by automatically searching [[a]] <u>the</u> telecommunications network for text data related to a selected search term.